

North Manchester, Ind.

July 20.—Some time has passed since we took up our pen to hold communication with the dear EVANGELIST. But while our pen was dormant we were engaged in our pastoral labors which occupies the greater portion of our time. It is a greater pleasure to us to read the communications of our brethren than to undertake it ourselves. Yet we should all have our say in this matter.

Some people think that the minister's life is one of pleasure and idleness supposing he has nothing to do, but you only need to enquire of those who have spent their best days in this work: viz., Holsinger, P. J. Brown, Bauman and the veterans that are in the field, day by day, spending their time, talent and their all for Jesus sake. We have had a foretaste of this in the last 6 years, and after all this, some want more done. But some people are not satisfied with any thing very long at a time, and if they can not have their own way, they will not hear it at all, consequently when difference of opinion arises in the minds of his charge, he must stand between the conflicting elements as a target to be shot at from both sides, and he must neither flinch nor complain. If he does he is using partiality and if he does not he is stubborn and stiff-necked. "Is there no balm in Gilead, is there no physician there," for the minister that may be placed in such condition? No wonder Paul said, if in this life only you have hope in Christ you are of all men most miserable.

But there is a bright side to this; there is a life beyond where the storms come no more; where the wicked cease to trouble and the weary are at rest. A land of which the poet has so beautifully sang:

O, they tell me of a home
Where my friends have gone;
O, they tell me of that land far away
Where the tree of life is
Eternal bloom, sheds its fragrance
Through the unclouded day.
O the land of cloudless day!
O the land of an unclouded sky!
O they tell me of my friends
By the tree of life,
In the land of the unclouded day.

Stand up for Jesus and by and by we will all be in the land where all is fair.

The cause is moving on in our church. Last Thursday the 14th, we led two young sisters down into the waters of baptism. Hope they arose to walk with Jesus.

On Lord's day it was our happy privilege to meet Bro. and sister Perry, of Ashland College at our Sabbath school. We are always glad when our ministering brethren call on us. After Sabbath school Bro. Perry favored us with a very able and interesting discourse. May the Lord's blessing rest on Bro. Perry wherever his lot may fall. Some congregation who is looking for a pastor would do well to secure his services.

While it is a fixed fact that there will be a convention the 21st of next September, I hope that it may be for the edification of all concerned brethren. Why not set a part Sunday the 18th of September for special prayer in behalf of our coming meeting? Take it to the Lord in prayer. Let all pray that God may direct the minds of his children to labor for the peace of our beloved Zion.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

North Liberty, Ohio.

Like Sister Becknell, having my work done, I thought I would write a few lines for the paper. Although the church at this place has received two or three hard strokes, it, through the grace of God, is still alive, with a thriving Sabbath School, and weekly prayer-meeting. Bro. Cober is our pastor, but will leave us soon. He has labored hard while with us, although not many have been added to the church during his stay; yet good seed has been sown and we trust with the help of God that it will find a resting place in good and honest hearts and bring forth its fruit in the near future. Bro. Cober is an able minister, a fearless advocate of the Lord's cause, a zealous worker, and a true Christian. We are sorry to lose him, but if it be God's will that he must go, we can give him up, and the church that gets him gets a prize. Like Bro. Mason with the Pennsylvania brethren, we cannot say too much for him.

Sister Mallott contemplates moving to Pennsylvania in the near future. We will miss her and her family in the church and Sabbath School. Our aged Bro. Long, who for some time past has been sick, is again able to attend church. We observed Children's Day on the 3rd inst. We did not have either turtle soup or berries, but we had a glorious time.

The funeral sermon of Mrs. Burger was preached in our church on the 10th by Rev. Henry Keller to a large audience.

J. W. MYERS.

Pasadena, Cal.

Dear Brethren and Sisters.—I thought I would write a few lines for the EVANGELIST, thinking you would like to hear from our part of the country. We have been living here in Pasadena over two years. It is a very beautiful little town with about ten thousand inhabitants and eleven churches. But there is no Brethren church here.

We have a few scattered members here and there. I think there could be some good done if there were some good speakers to come and settle among us. If there is any brethren traveling this way we would be glad to have them stop and see us. Sister Perret, from Altamont, Cal., has been down visiting us and some of the other members. She brought her little daughter Minnie to try our climate, who is suffering with lung trouble, which I hope has done her some good. She left here the 1st of July. She is thinking some of coming here to live, which I hope she will for I think she is a good Christian worker, and they are the kind we want to get here. She liked our country and climate very much. We will welcome them here among us. She gave us good news from the church at Altamont. May the good Lord bless our brethren and sisters everywhere is the prayer of your unworthy sister. Pray for us few members here.

ROSALBA C. STUDEBAKER.

Peru, Ind.

I am at present preaching at two regular places, one at Linkville, Marshall Co., Ind., the other at College Corner in Wabash Co. All are moving along nicely at both places.

On my last visit at Linkville

one more was ready to accept the calling of the Lord and be buried in Christian baptism.

At College Corner the Brethren are going to repair their house and build larger.

Now a convention is approaching, are we making preparations? I have announced that on my last visit before the convention we would take public collections and bring the proceeds to pay in the evangelistic fund. I think if all the ministers would do likewise, we could raise quite a fund. Now brethren let us all get to work and make the Convention a success as there is a great work to do, and the way to do it is to get to work in earnest. All work together and we will succeed.

This month ends my first year in the ministry, and I am not tired. All I have to regret is I did not commence sooner, although weak. Will the brethren hold me up at the throne of grace that I may keep humble.

J. M. FOX.

Ashby, Grant Co., Minn.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—Perhaps it will not be very interesting but I thought I would write and tell you how we are getting along away up here in the far north. We not only have cold winters but are rather left out in the cold by the different Christian churches. It seems to me that this would be a good field of labor for a good ministers; one whose heart was in his work, and not on his salary.

The Congregational church tried for sometime to keep up a church here but they sent only students, who could not leave their studies long enough to visit among those who paid them for their time. Then the Methodists sent ministers here, but they were no better. There are no church buildings within ten miles of us except Norwegian churches.

There are a few members here of the Methodists, Congregational and Baptist denominations. I am the only member of the Brethren church in this part of the country, but if we could have brother Bashor or some other good minister of our church to preach to us for a short time I think there might be considerable good done in the cause of our Master.

Hoping that some of our ministering brethren may find it in their way to make us a visit soon, I remain yours in brotherly love.

G. F. ALBRIGHT.

Burr Oak, Kans.

I see much said on the subject of the convention, also something about mission work. The latter I am much interested in. Oh, if every Christian would but remember that Christ came to be a missionary on earth. So he has sent every one of his followers to be missionaries on earth, and if they would but faithfully and prayerfully endeavor to live as such, what a revolution it would make in our persons, families and churches, and in the entire community. Would not the blessed result be that the wide world would soon be redeemed, and Christ's kingdom come in power, and his will be done on earth as it is done in heaven. Still hoping that the convention will be a success, I remain firm in the faith of the

Brethren church. Our little band is in peace and love.

JOEY FAIDLEY.

Notice.

We invite our brethren and friends to meet with Grace church in the grove of Bro. D. Toms, near Milford, Ind., to help us enjoy a harvest meeting, Aug. 11, 1887. Elder H. R. Holsinger and family will be with us. Holsinger will conduct the meeting.

JOHN DUBBS.

ADDRESS WANTED.—Will some one of the readers of the B. E. please give me the present address of Bro. William J. Wagner, of Philadelphia? His former address was 2450 North 4th street, Phil., but he has moved away. I should be pleased to hear from him or have his address.

EMILY R. STIFLER.

Holidaysburg, Pa.

NOTICE.—All who read this notice are most cordially invited to congregate themselves in the Assembly Hall, Dover Block, south-east corner 5th and Wayne Sts., Dayton, Ohio, every Sabbath at 9:30 a. m., to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. In union there is strength.

Fraternally,

S. KIEHL.

Report of the Ohio Home Mission Board.

At the call of Bro. Homan, Chairman of the Home Mission Board, the Board met at Bro. D. J. Millers', on Saturday evening, July 16, 1887, with brethren Homan, Miller and Kilhefner, members of the Board present. The meeting was opened with prayer by Bro. Kiefer, after which letters were read from brethren Coler and Hazen, the absent members of the Board, giving words of advice and encouragement in the Mission work.

The Secretary then made a financial report which was quite encouraging. \$174.28 have been received up to the present time, from 12 of the 20 odd places where we have solicitors appointed.

The following is a list of the churches that have responded, and the amounts they have given up to the date of the meeting of the Board:

Ashland City,.....	\$16.28
Louisville,.....	25.00
Silver Creek,.....	3.50
Homer,.....	14.15
Dry Creek,.....	3.65
Bear Creek,.....	41.96
Fair Haven,.....	18.71
Pleasant Hill,.....	10.25
Lexington,.....	7.25
Dayton,.....	10.00
Farmersville,.....	15.00
Winchester,.....	8.53
Total,.....	\$174.28

There are a number of churches and Solicitors who have not responded as yet, and the Board most earnestly pleads with those that have not responded, to also come to our assistance and help us in this glorious work. Our prospects for doing good are certainly very encouraging, but by itself, the Board is powerless to do anything in the mission field. Those self-sacrificing ones who have so nobly responded, have the heart-felt thanks of the Board for what you have done, and we trust you will still continue the good work.

The Board requests every Brethren preacher in Ohio to lend a helping hand to the Mission cause, by preaching at least one mission sermon a year to his congregation, or congregations, and upon that occasion, take up a public collection for the H. M., and in every other lawful way, aid the Solicitors. This to be done in connection with what the Solicitors are able to do.

The Board desires to have every church respond to its call for aid at least once a year.

Those who have so generously responded, we hope will still continue to send the Board substantial aid.

In view of the amount of money on hand the Board decided to receive calls for preaching, from points in Ohio, where there is an opening for organizing churches, and thus advance the cause. We request every one sending a call for preaching, that a plain, clear statement be given as to the prospect of building up a church at that point, and give all the particulars connected with it, necessary to a full understand-

ing of the situation, so the Board may be able to act intelligently in the case.

A call was before the Board from Zimmerman, Green county, Ohio, for aid from the Mission Board. Upon consideration, it was decided to grant them \$25.00, and place it in the hands of Bro. P. J. Brown, by him to be expended in Mission work in preaching the gospel at that point.

Upon further consideration it was decided to grant to Bro. Mason \$50.00 for Mission work in preaching the gospel in the Miami Valley.

It was decided by the Board that every minister to whom we give mission money, and whom we send out into the mission field to preach the gospel, shall give to the Board a correct report of where the preaching was done, how many sermons were preached, and the success attained by the effort put forth, as it will be a part of the Board's report at the next annual convention.

The Board took into consideration the action of the last S. S. Convention in regard to paying the traveling expenses of the secretary in attending the annual conventions where he is required to make the annual reports of the Board, and also the paying of the postage and stationary necessary for the use of the Board. The Board decided to stand by the decision of the convention, and believe the decision was perfectly just and right.

We again appointed the same solicitors that we had last year, of which the following is a list.

Fountain City—Mattie Ross.
Ashland City—Mary E. Garber, Elizabeth Herschler.

North Liberty—Ella Teeter, Minnie Loose.

Farmersville—Sister Coler, Ruth Henkle.

Winchester—Jennie Faust, Nannie Englar.

Lexington—Sarah Baker, Jennie Wolf.

Pleasant Hill—Sister Harrison, Sister David Oaks.

North Star—Gretude Oaks, Ella Shook.

Covington—Mary Dunkle, Eunice Cable.

Rush Creek—Sadie Hufford, Alice Kiser.

West Independence—Hattie Hazen, Elizabeth Krabill.

Dayton—Mattie Boren.

Fair Haven—Clara A. Miller, Susan McFadden.

Homer—Susan Homan, Lovina Hart.

Bear Creek—M. Lizzie Beeghly, Clara Musselman, Laura Billman.

Louisville—Mary Keim, Katie Herberger.

Fair View—Mary J. Hegler, Sister White.

Glenford—Mary Deffenbaugh, Alma da Heiser.

Columbiana—Laura Slotter.

Dry Creek—Sarah J. Roush, Mary Sponseller.

Silver Creek—Mary Gipe, Mary E. Yagel.

If there are any congregations or communities that ought to have solicitors, and have none, will some one please send the name of such place or congregation, that we may appoint solicitors. Especially do we appeal to our Brethren ministers to aid us in this work, and those congregations who have solicitors and have not responded to our call for help, will their pastors look after the matter, and see that solicitors, and the congregation for which you are preaching, will make an effort to do what you can? Your success depends largely upon the effort you are willing to make, and that you may know dear sisters that you are a solicitor for the Home Mission, we have again published your names in the EVANGELIST, and we hope all will carefully read the list over, for your name is there. We do not expect to send out any other notice to our solicitors of their appointment than this one appearing in this report. In conclusion we make a special appeal for further aid, and by the blessing of God we expect to accomplish much good; but this can only be done by prayerful earnest self-sacrificing work, and we hope that all the solicitors, the preachers, and the churches, in Ohio will come to our help, and by a united effort upon the part of all, the Lord will surely bless our Home Mission.

Send all communications, calls for preaching, and money for the Board, to Bro. Isaac Kilhefner at Ashland, Ohio, and a prompt answer will be guaranteed. The Board adjourned to meet at the call of the president.

HENRY HOMAN, Pres.

ISAAC KILHEFNER, Sec.

Stay till the lame messenger come if you would know the truth of the thing—George Herbert.